

*The Information of William Newton, alias Newgent:
Being his Confession in Oxford Gaol, some time be-
fore his Execution, Of several Robberies Committed by
himself and Accomplices, with their Names; and like-
wise the Setters and Harbourers of the said Highway-
men: With a full Account of the Horfes taken by
them, and the Places where they left them, that the
right Owners may know where to enquire for them.*

1. Sept. 1703.

HE says, that the Mare that was left at the Grayhound in Oxford when Foy was in Buckardo, was Mr. Noble's who was rob'd of the said Mare, and 16 Guineas near Melton Mowbray, between that Place and Mr. Noble's own Houfe, coming from the Fair at Melton Mowbray on the 12th Day — 1702. Mr. Noble was rob'd by me, William Newton, Millard and Charles Evans.

He says, that Linnen then taken when at the Grayhound, and left behind him there, was taken about March last, or sometime before, from a Scotch Boy with a Pack near West Wickham, where the said Boy was rob'd and bound to a Tree, by me William Newton and Foy.

He says, that he himself rob'd Bridge-North Coach, upon Monday before he was committed, in a Lane, in or near a Wood not far from Stoken-Church-Hill, and that there was 3 Men and 3 Women in the Coach; and a Man on Horfe-back riding by the Coach. That the Silver hilted Sword he took from a Gentleman that was in the said Coach, was the same Sword that was taken of him when apprehended.

He says, That he with others, rob'd on the Highway near Watford, a Blacksmith and his Daughter, and did take away the Man's Horfe, and 12 or 15 Shillings in Money from him, and that sometime after he turn'd up the said Horfe in Epping-Forest near Epping-Tower, as they were robbing others at the same time, by me William Newton, Foy, and Robert Johnson.

He says, That he with others rob'd a Laceman near St. Albans on the Highway from London, of a Horfe and Ten Pounds in Money, and turn'd up the Laceman's Horfe by Welling in Kent near Shooter Hill, where he at the same time rob'd a Coach and Shot a Captain then in the Coach. Rob'd by me William Newton alone the Coach, the Laceman rob'd by me William Newton and Foy.

He says, That he and John Foy rob'd in a Lane between the two Heaths, between Colbrook and Hownslow, in March last a young Man, who own'd himself to be a Baker, of a Horfe; which Horfe he turn'd up near Ockenham within 5 Miles of Reading in Berkshire.

He says, that Currice of Brackley and himself, with Millard, Joseph Stone, Mat. Baker, the two last Executed at Northampton, last Lent Assizes, were concern'd in the breaking open the Farmer's Houfe, between Buckingham and Brackley, about 7 Miles from Brackley, and took several Goods, a Pettycoat with Silver-Lace two inches broad, which was ripp'd of at Rich. Marriott's Houfe, and that the said Newton took a pair of Plush Breeches, and that Marriott was the Setter, and that this said Currice offer'd to set several Gentlemen's Houses near Brackley, and that the said Marriott had the Woman's Wedding Ring, and a Mourning Ring, and that they bound them in their Bed, and is a Harbourer of High-way-men and Houfe-breaker, knowing them to be so. Rob'd by me Wm. Newton, Currice, Miller, Stone, Baker.

He says, That Cook set the Grazier, that was Rob'd at Queen's Crefs about 6 Weeks before last Christmase, and offer'd to set a great many more, if the said Newton, or so, Floyd now in Lincoln Gaol, and Edward Evans,

would frequent his Houfe. Rob'd by me Wm. Newton, Edm. Evans, Wm. Miller, Tho. Floyd, and Evan Evans.

He says, That he and his Gang Rob'd Guilford Coaches, and other Coaches. The same Days Rob'd by me Wm. Newton, Foy, and Rutherford.

He says, That about March or April last, that he with others, Rob'd a Man on the High-way, a Bagsheman, near Bagshot-hill of a flea-bitten Horfe, the Man had his Wife behind him; and that he turn'd up the said flea bitten Horfe, with two more Horfes near Guilford in Surry Row. Rutherford now in Winchester Gaol, can give an Account of them. Rob'd by me Wm. Newton and Foy.

He says, that he and Foy, Rob'd a Man between Wallbam-Croft and London, of a Bay-horfe, worth about 8 or 10 l. With 4 White-feet mark'd with f. H. with one or both Wall-Eyes, with a Blaze down his face, which Horfe he turn'd up near St. Albans. When he Rob'd the Laceman, the Man liv'd in Hounditch, or Shore ditch he can't justly tell which.

He says, That he and Millard was together, when Millard Shot the Grazier in the Thigh, near New-Castle under Line at the Fair in Staffordshire; which Wound the Grazier afterwards Dy'd of. Rob'd by me Wm. Newton, Millard, Fer. Jo. Smith, and Rutherford.

He says, That he, with others, rob'd a Baker near Stony-Stratford in Buckinghamshire, of 4 Broad pieces of Gold, and several Guineas, and the rest in Silver, in all the value of 20 l. Rob'd by me William Newton, William Evans, Evan Evans, Tho. Loyd, and John Wilkins.

He says, That the Horfe he was Apprehended upon, and that he was Convicted for Stealing, was taken out of a Ground at Grals, on Sunday the 27th of June 1703. near Copenhagen, the backside of Iflington, near London; Stole by me William Newton, Bray, and James Leonard.

He says, That he and his Gang rob'd 4 Scotchmen, within a Mile of Brecknock, in Wales, going to Bristol-Fair, of 400 Pounds in Gold, New-Coined Money and Old Money; rob'd by me William Newton, Tho. Loyd, Evan Evans, and William Evans.

He says, That he and Foy rob'd a Lord's Coach, wherein was the Lord's Widow and Daughter, they took a Gold-Watch, with a Gold-Seal fasten'd to the Watch, in Epping-Forest. At the Request of the Lady he gave her the Seal again; it having her Lord's Coat of Arms she put a great Value upon it.

He says, That he and others rob'd Lincoln Coach beyond Stamford in Lincolnshire, of a considerable Sum of Money. Rob'd by me William Newton, Millard, Charles Evans, and Fer. John Smith.

He says, That he and his Gang rob'd all the Persons coming to a Fair held at Slesford, within 10 or 12 Miles of Lincoln, standing the Road about 3 Hours; rob'd by me William Newton, Millard, Charles Evans, and Fer. John Smith.

He says, That he and Foy rob'd a Youngman coming from Stromdwater to Cyreneester, and took his Horfe from him, and that he turned up the said Horfe near Guilford in Surry; Rowland Rutherford, now in Winchester Gaol, can give an Account of him.

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